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In re application of: Huilong Zhu, et al.	Date: September 24, 2004
Serial Number: 10/605,130	Examiner: Mai Huong C. Tran
Filed: 9/10/03	Group Art Unit: 2818
Title: Structure and Method for Sillicided Metal Gate Transistors	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/300, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004.

The Examiner in the Office Action has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, stating that the claims belong to:

GROUP I, Claims 15-20, drawn to a device, and


GROUP II, Claims 1-14, drawn to a process.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of GROUP II, consisting of Claims 1-14, and withdraw from consideration the claims forming GROUP I, as being drawn to non-elected invention, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to file a Divisional or Continuation or Continuation-in-Part Patent Application for the withdrawn claims.

Therefore, the invention of GROUP I, namely, Claims 15-20 can be withdrawn by the Examiner under 37 C.F.R. 1.142 (b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The election of claims is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,
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